

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST  
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 4/30/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-297

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Dewayne Wooten  
Office: Councilman, District 5, City of Monroe  
Parish: OUACHITA  
Election Date: 7/11/2020  
Level of Office: Any

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G  
Original Due Date: 8/5/2020  
Date Filed: 2/18/2021  
Activity Receipts: \$0  
Expenditures: \$1,252.11  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$0

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1000  
Days Late: 197  
Late Fee Order Received: 11/4/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/24/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 11/12/2020  
Additional Information Requested:  
- Medical  
- Financial  
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate submitted a waiver by email and stated that the late filing was due to an apparent oversight and/or accountant error. He said that he hired an accountant to handle the paperwork. He said that his campaign was mostly self financed and he provided the accountant with all the paperwork to file the reports. He said he lost the election and vowed never do it again. He said when he received the first notice of delinquency he forwarded it to his accountant who assured him that he was in contact with our office and everything was taken care of. Now he has received two delinquency notices. He said he unable to borrow money or obtain funding to pay for this penalty.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: yes  
Prior Late Fees: yes  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

## Melissa Horn

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**From:** Dewayne Wooten <jchristislove64@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:19 AM  
**To:** Melissa Horn  
**Subject:** Waiver

**Categories:** Waiver/Reconsideration

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern,

> My name is Dewayne Wooten.

> I am writing this letter in response to recent correspondence from your office regarding a \$2000 penalty due to election reporting violations. As discussed, please waive the \$2000 penalty due to an apparent oversight and/or accountant error. The council position for which I was running was an opportunity to affect much needed change within my community. After hiring an accountant/tax advisor to handle the financial disclosure paperwork, I was well on my way, presumably. My campaign was mostly self financed and the paperwork therefore shouldn't have been a problem at all. I provided him with all the paperwork for every transaction that was made from the beginning to the end of the election.

> When the results were in, I had lost rather badly and vowed to never do it again. I received the first letter from your office and immediately forwarded it to my accountant. He assured me that there was nothing to worry about as he began communicating with your office directly. Now months later I have recently received this second letter stating that I now owe thousands of dollars. I am unable to borrow money or obtain the funding to pay this penalty. My hope is that the accountant will submit an error and/or correction statement to your office to resolve this matter in its entirety.

> Thank you in advance for your consideration!!

Sincerely,  
Dewayne Wooten



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January 13, 2021

Mr. Dewayne Wooten  
3001 Jackson St.  
Monroe, LA 71202-4141

**RE: Ethics Board Docket No.:**

Dear Mr. Wooten:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the July 11, 2020 election. To date, the report that is the subject of this late fee has not been filed. In order for the Board to consider your request for a waiver you must file the 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) campaign finance disclosure report which covers activity from June 22, 2020 through July 26, 2020.

Once you have filed the reports, your waiver request may be considered by the Board of Ethics.

If you need assistance, you may contact the Campaign Finance Office at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **February 15, 2021**.

Sincerely,

**Melissa Horn**